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| In re Application of: | |) |
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| Renato CARETTA et al. | |)) |
| Serial No.: 09/364,099 | |)) |
| Filed: July 30, 1999 | |)) |
| For: | METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A CARCASS STRUCTURE FOR TYRES, IN PARTICULAR FOR TWO-WHEELED VEHICLES, AND CARCASS STRUCTURE OBTAINABLE THEREBY |)))))) |
| Assist | tant Commissioner for Patents | |

Examiner: Not Assigned

Group Art Unit: 1733

Sir:

Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language documents.

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- 1. FR 384,231: The relevance of this document can be found in the English language translation of relevant passages, copy submitted herewith.
- 2. EP 0,664,231: The relevance of this document can be found in two English language abstracts, copies submitted herewith.

Applicants would also like to point out to the Examiner the following pending applications:

- (1) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/198,241 may be related to the present application;
- (2) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/198,242 may be related to the present application;
- (3) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/219,422 may be related to the present application;
- (4) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/221,603 may be related to the present application; and
- (5) U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/118,527 may be related to the present application.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT, & DUNNER, L.L.P. 1300 I STREET, N. W. WASHINGTON, D. C. 20005 202-408-4000 Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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